

REMARKS

The Amendments

New claim 16 is directed to compounds recited in examples 1-3. New claim 17 is directed to the compound of example 1.

Restriction

Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I (claims 1-10 and 15) drawn to an ionic liquid. Applicant elects the compound described on page 16, example 1 (1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis [1,2-benzenediolato-O,O'] borate) as the elected species.

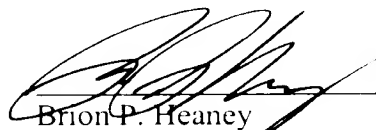
Applicants respectfully traverse the Requirement for Restriction. In the Restriction it is alleged that the Invention of Group I is in intermediate-final product relationship with the Inventions of Groups II and III. This is incorrect. Groups II and III are directed to devices and/or composition that contain the compound(s) of Group I. There is no chemical intermediate-final product relationship. The compounds of Group I are used as such in the device/composition of Groups II and III. The compounds do not lose their identity when used in the devices/compositions of Groups II and III.

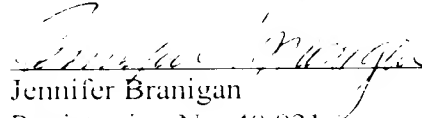
The Invention of Group I is instead clearly and undeniably in subcombination-combination relationship with the Inventions of Groups II and III. A subcombination-combination relationship requires two-way distinctness, not one-way, to justify a Restriction. See MPEP § 806.05(c). In the instant case, no restriction can be justified since the combinations of Groups II and III require all the particulars of the subcombination of Group I. Moreover, once the compounds of Group I are determined to be allowable, the combinations of Groups II and III will also necessarily be allowable. Thus, there is no basis upon which a Restriction can be justified.

Withdrawal of the Restriction and examination of all claims is respectfully requested

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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